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SUBJECT: REFUGEE AND MIGRATION AFFAIRS: PAROLE OF CHILEAN
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1. GOC HAS STATED THAT RELEASE OF DETAINEES UNDER CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR AMNESTY IS UNCONDITIONAL. IN REALITY THIS DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE THE CASE. RELEASED DETAINEES AND THEIR RELATIVES HAVE REPORTED TO ICEM THAT THOSE RELEASED HAVE BEEN GIVEN UN-OFFICIAL WARNINGS TO DEPART CHILE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ALSO, PASSPORTS ISSUED TO RELEASED DETAINEES WHO HAD EXILE DECREES ARE LIMITED AND VALID ONLY TO DEPART THE COUNTRY. ICEM HAS PROTESTED THIS ACTION AS PREJUDICIAL TO FORMER DETAINEES AND IS DISCUSSING THIS PROBLEM WITH GOC. ICEM IS ALSO INQUIRING AS TO WHETHER THE AMNESTY CANCELS THE EXPULSION ORDER CONTAINED IN EXILE DECREE.

2. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS BEING IMPOSED ON THOSE DETAINEES RELEASED BY AMNESTY. THEY ARE FREE TO TRAVEL THROUGHOUT CHILE. IT IS TOO EARLY TO DETERMINE IF THE RELEASED DETAINEES WILL BE HARASSED BY GOC OFFICIALS OR IF MANY WILL BE REARRESTED, BUT ICEM IS AWARE OF ONE WHO HAS BEEN DETAINED AGAIN AFTER CHRISTMAS AMNESTY. IN ADDITION, AMERICAN NUN INFORMED EMBASSY THAT ONE DETAINEE NEVER ARRIVED HOME. A FORMER DETAINEE KNOWN TO EMBASSY HAS REPORTED THE NAMES OF 14 RELEASED

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DETAINEES WHO STATE THEY MUST LEAVE CHILE FOR THEIR PERSONAL SAFETY.

ICEM IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN VISAS FOR THESE PERSONS. ONE OF THE
14 PERSONS LISTED IS JUAN CARLOS MATUS RAMIREZ WHO HAD BEEN
APPROVED FOR PAROLE INTO THE US. ICEM BELEVES MANY RELEASED
DETAINEEES WILL BE DETAINED AGAIN, AND THOSE RELEASED FEAR THE SAME.

3. IN REFTELS WE REQUESTED AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE PROCESSING
ALL AMNESTIED DETAINEEES ON OUR ACTIVE LIST. WE HAVE HAD
ONLY A PARTIAL RESPONSE. MAY WE EXPECT A FULL AUTHORIZATION?
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